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25X1A9A MEMORANDUM TO: [REDACTED] Acting Chief, PSRO

25X1A9A FROM : [REDACTED]

Subject : Personnel Requirements of Training Branch

1. The attached charts have been prepared in response to your request of 15 July 1946. Since the problems of the Training Branch differ somewhat from those of the other branches of PSRO in that we must assess and train for the entire organization, these charts can only suggest in crude form our present organization and future requirements. We are currently preparing a detailed analysis of our functions and an appraisal of our strengths and weaknesses. When this is completed, we will be able to present in more convincing form our future requirements.

2. Our most obvious weakness is in our lack of personnel to conduct research. By "research" we mean anything from reading the latest book on Russia to preparing lecture notes for an [REDACTED]

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25X1 [REDACTED] Until we have a compact research staff [REDACTED] we cannot function as a professional Training Branch. Right now, [REDACTED] [REDACTED], formerly of our staff, is available, and would be the ideal man around whom to build a small research unit. However, unless we are granted a slot for him immediately, he will sign a contract with a college before the end of July. Actually, we would not need to employ him immediately--perhaps not until 1 September--but would have to promise a job as of that date. A slot (P-5 or its equivalent) is therefore requested as of 1 September for [REDACTED].

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3. The other personnel needs are not so pressing, though should be filled gradually between now and 1 January. Since we have already been granted an increase in the assessment staff, this larger staff, when recruited, will be able to handle any new recruiting--such as for Latin America--where it occurs.

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4. Aside from the Civil Service slot requested for [REDACTED] the other positions could be filled by qualified Army or Navy personnel, provided there was some assurance that they would remain in this country and in the service long enough to be of some value to the Training Branch.

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